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1. REPORTS UNDER EXPORT MONITORING SYSTEM SHOW THAT
ROMANIAN PURCHASES OF US CORN HAVE INCREASED SHARPLY IN
RECENT WEEKS. BREAKDOWN OF FIGURES FOLLOWS: (1,000 METRIC
TONS FOR OCTOBER/SEPTEMBER 74-75.)

JAN. 12 OUTSTANDING EXPORT SALES 293.2, SHIPMENTS 257.4,
SHIPMENTS PLUS SALES 550.6. JAN. 26 OUTSTANDING EXPORT
SALES 437.0, SHIPMENTS 293.6, SHIPMENTS PLUS SALES 730.6.
FEB. 2 OUTSTANDING EXPORT SALES 397.0, SHIPMENTS 333.5,
SHIPMENTS PLUS SALES 730.5. FIGURES SHOW SHIPMENTS
RISING RAPIDLY AND ARE ONLY 67,000 TONS UNDER CURRENT
ESTIMATE OF 400,000 TONS EXPECTED FOR ENTIRE CROP YEAR.

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2. IN VIEW OF RAPID GROWTH OF US SHIPMENTS TO ROMANIA AND
REPORTED ROMANIAN SALES OF CORN TO PORTUGAL, EMBASSY IS
REQUESTED TO DISCUSS ROMANIAN BUYING INTENTIONS WITH
APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND TO ASK THAT GOR INITIATE
OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH USG BEFORE PLACING ANY NEW ORDERS
FOR US CORN IN CURRENT CROP YEAR FOR ANY DESTINATION. INGERSOLL

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